

UNECE

-Standards and Capacity Building –

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UNECE: Who we are and what we do

- UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): North America, Europe, Central Asia, Western Asia and Caucasus
- Focal point in the UN system to develop standards and best practice for trade facilitation
- The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) develops policy recommendations, standards, guidelines for trade facilitation
- Objective: Simplified and harmonized trade documents, processes and information flows throughout the supply chain
- UNECE TF standards: Global remit, cross sector, technology neutral
- Trade facilitation and electronic Business
- High Level MoU on developing standards for eBusiness



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Welcome to the
Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide



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Itineraries



Instruments



Organizations



Workshops & conferences

- TFIG Turin, Italy Q1 2013 (12 to 14 Feb 2013)
- TFIG & UNDA Aqaba, Jordan Q2 2013 (13 to 16 May 2013)
- TFIG&UNDA Bishkek, KY Q2 2013 (10 to 13 June 2013)
- TFIG and Commonwealth Secretariat Geneva, WTO, Q2 2013 (16 September 2013)
- TFIG&UNDA Santiago Chile, Q3 2013 (23 to 26 September 2013)
- TFIG, Dakar, SN, Q4 2013 (8- 10 October 2013)
- TFIG, SADAC and WCO, Johannesburg SA, Q4 2013 (11-14 November 2013)
- Bangkok, TH TFIG & UNDA Global Conference (18-22 November 2013)

TFIG translations into **Russian already available**. Translation into French and Spanish in Q4 2013 available. Translation into Arabic in Q1 2014 available.

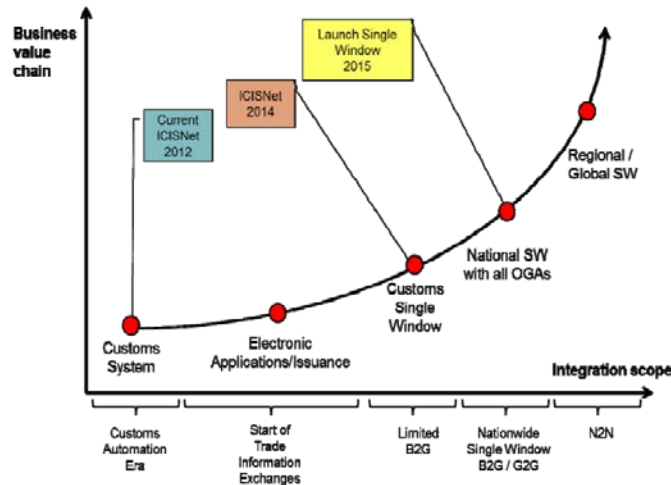
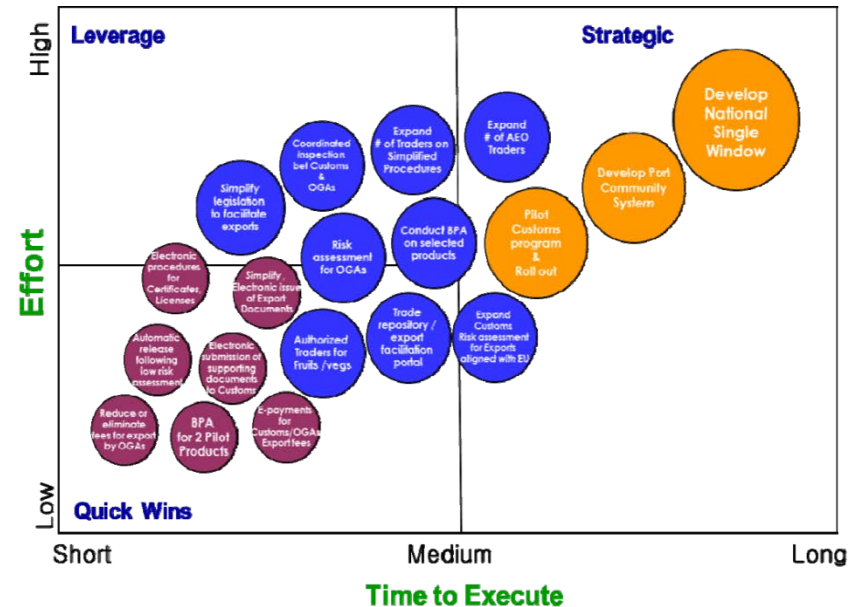
Continuation of TFIG: organisations (like IDB) expressed interest to fund additional workshops in 2014 and that UNECE is doing fund raising for project continuation (Guide upgrade and capacity building, including pure TOTs for international TF trainers)

Greece: Design and implement a holistic, national trade facilitation strategy to respond to a national crisis

Objectives, Strategy and Actions:



Development of Trade Information Systems



Evolution of Trade Facilitation over the last 10 years

- Increased focus of policy makers on TF implementation → TF integrated into regulatory frameworks(WTO, ASEAN,..)
- More players (UNCTAD, WB, WCO, Regional organizations, ..)
- Trade Facilitation today: UN/EDIFACT/eBXML, CCTS, legal framework and eSignatures, Customs simplification, Port management, eManifest, ICS, AEO, Simplified procedures ..
- Trade Facilitation has become multi-disciplinary: standards, technologies, best practice, policy frameworks, legal, managerial, change management ..
- Challenge for TOC-TF agencies:
 - Wide range of issues
 - Complexity of issues
 - Costs of developing quality capacity building content rapidly increasing
 - Demand for wide area of competences/services **and** high specialization required
 - Regional adaptation of global, generic solution



Recommendations and suggestions for enhancing cooperation and possible joint activities

- Is there a way out?
- Strategy:
 - Common capacity building content and programmes with local adaptation and implementation
 - Build once and use many
 - Common message and concepts
 - Focus effort on the localization (national/regional delivery mechanisms, policy and implementation mechanism)
 - Examples: UNNEXT, TFIG, ??

This would requires a change of how we work ➔ We would have to practice what we preach.



Thank you

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